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## APPENDIX II

## PROGRESS OF CENSUS WORK IN 1921

## POPULATION

By the close of the year 1920, the enumeration of population having been made as of January 1 of that year, work had been completed with respect to (1) the count and announcement of the population by states, counties and minor civil divisions, and for all cities and other incorporated places (these announcements, commencing in February, were completed in October. A preliminary statement of the population of the entire country went to press October 7); (2) state bulletins, showing the number and distribution of inhabitants (13 bulletins issued, the remainder in press); and (3) the editing of the returns on the population schedules and the punching and machine verification of the population cards.

Work had been commenced on the first sort and first and second counts of the population cards (completed early in 1920), the classification of the occupation returns and the punching of the occupation cards.

The work performed during the year was substantially in accordance with the program previously outlined, and exceedingly satisfactory progress has been made during the year 1921.

The program for the first half of 1921 called for the following items of work: To complete the first sort and the first and second counts of the population cards, from which are derived statistics showing the composition and characteristics of the population for the second series of state bulletins; to begin and complete the successive sorts and counts of the population cards needed to supply the detailed statistics for the various subjects to be covered by the general report; to complete the classification of the occupation returns and the punching of the occupation cards; to rearrange the tabular matter contained in the first series of state bulletins for publication, with appropriate summary tables and explanatory text, as Volume I of the Fourteenth Census Reports; to prepare copy for the second series of state bulletins, and to complete the publication of preliminary statements for states and cities, showing the distribution of the population according to color or race and sex.

The first and second counts of the population cards were completed in February and the third count in June, but the work on the three remaining counts was retarded somewhat in order to advance the work on the occupation report. The verification of the occupation cards was begun in March and the first sort and first count in March and May, respectively, and this necessitated carrying the last of the machine tabulations with respect to population into the last half of the year. The classification of the occupation returns was completed in April, punching of the cards the first week in May.

Rearrangement of the tables of the first series of state bulletins for Volume I was begun in January and by the close of June had been substantially completed. Volume I was issued August 30.

It was the purpose also to have all the copy for the second series of state bulletins in the hands of the printer by the close of the fiscal year. The work was delayed on account of the preparation of a series of tables showing, for the United States and each state, the distribution of the foreign-born white population by country of birth, specially requested for the early use of Congress. Despite this interruption copy was sent to the printer before the end of June for 41 of these bulletins, and during July for the remaining 11.

Preliminary announcements showing the distribution of the population by color or race and sex for individual states and cities were continued, and final summaries for the United States, by states, were given to the press in the latter part of June. Press statements on country of birth were issued in April by states for the United States.

The three remaining counts of the population cards were completed in October, and the second count of the occupation cards early in November. Work was also begun on the tabulation of certain supplementary data for use in the population and occupation reports and by the division of vital statistics. This work was not originally provided for, but it is hoped it will be completed in January, 1922.

Completion in November of publication of the second series of state bulletins released all for use in Volume III. This volume includes a separate section for continental United States, which summarizes the statistics presented in the several state sections and reproduces the statistics for states and large cities for comparative purposes, and also includes statistics for the six outlying possessions covered by the 1920 census.

Of the subjects to be included in Volume II, constituting the general report on population, the copy for three subjects (color or race, nativity, and parentage; sex distribution; and dwellings and families) was sent to the printer in October and November and that for three other subjects (age distribution, marital condition, and school attendance) was transmitted in December. It is also expected that the copy for six other subjects (illiteracy, state of birth, country of birth, year of immigration, voting age and citizenship, and inability to speak English) will be released in January and February and for the two remaining subjects (country of origin and mother tongue) by the end of March.

The tables relating to ownership of homes, as shown by the returns on the population schedule, have also been completed and turned over for use in the special report on mortgages.

Preliminary press announcements were issued during the last half of the year for school attendance, illiteracy, voting age, citizenship, dwellings and families, and ownership of homes, and these will be followed early in 1922 by announcements for age, marital condition, state of birth, and country of birth with respect to citizenship.

The preparation of the tables for Volume IV, relating to occupation, is well advanced. Separate reports for Alaska, Porto Rico and Hawaii have been issued, or are in press, or about one fourth of the occupation report will be in the printers' hands by January, 1922. It is expected there will be completed by the end of May the tables giving the distribution by color or race and age for all gainful workers and separately for child workers, and also the detailed presentations for states and principal cities, and by the end of June the tables giving the marital condition of women at work. If these expectations are fulfilled, the Bureau, for the first time in the history of the decennial census, will have completed and sent to the printer within the allotted period a comprehensive report on occupation, in addition to the preparation and publication of the three customary reports relating to the general population.

There has also been transmitted for printing the first section of the Abstract of the Fourteenth Census relating to the number and distribution of inhabitants and comprising 19 tables.

The condition of the population work at the close of the year may be summarized as follows:

All the machine tabulation for both population and occupations was completed. In addition the tabulation of certain supplementary data will probably be finished by the close of January, 1922.

Volume I of the Fourteenth Census Reports was published August 30.

For Volume II the work is well under way. One section has been published in bulletin form, copy for 4 more is in the hands of the printer, and the work is progressing satisfactorily on the remaining 9 sections.

Volume III is in the hands of the printer, and will probably be published about February 1, 1922.

Volume IV (Occupations) will be in press before the close of the census period.

#### AGRICULTURE

The enumeration for all branches of the census of agriculture, including irrigation and drainage, was practically finished early in 1920. The editing of farm schedules and the punching of cards for the main tabulations had been completed. Punching of the county-total cards, the machine sorting and tabulation, and the preparation and distribution of county and state press summaries were under way.

The repunching of the fruit cards for California and Florida was completed in February. The general sorting and tabulation and the checking and completion of result slips were finished in June. By the end of June copy had been sent to the printer for 42 state bulletins in all; and press summaries had been issued for 39 states (three summaries for each state) and 2,039 counties, including those issued in 1920 for 10 states and 604 counties; the total cards had been punched for 41 states, including those punched in 1920; and about fifteen per cent of the table forms had been completed. The editing of schedules was completed for irrigation in March and for drainage in May; the card punching was finished for irrigation in March and for drainage in June; and by the end of June manuscript had been sent to the printer for 14 state bulletins on irrigation and 15 on drainage.

The checking, computing, and critical examination of the final result slips for state bulletins and the punching of the state total cards were completed in August. The last of the state bulletins was completed in September, and the United States summary bulletin in October. This bulletin contains all the material presented in preliminary form in the series of United States press summaries, including the results of the minor tabulations which were not completed in time for inclusion in the state bulletins, and provides a comprehensive summary of the census of agriculture which it is believed will prove very useful during the several months which must yet intervene before the final reports are ready for distribution.

A special bulletin on farm vegetables, showing the acreage in vegetables for important counties, together with summary tables for the various kinds of vegetables, and a special bulletin on cattle, swine, and poultry were transmitted for printing in December.

The series of state bulletins on irrigation and drainage were completed in August and October, respectively; the United States summary bulletins on irrigation and drainage were completed in September and November, respectively; and the preparation of tables and text for the general reports on these subjects was commenced in November.

Nearly all the state bulletins have been revised and plated, ready for inclusion in Volume VI of the final reports. The states will be grouped geographically into three sections and the bulletins for each section bound in a separate volume as a part of Volume VI. Part I, The North, will cover the New England, Middle Atlantic, East North Central, and West North Central divisions, comprising a total of 21 states; Part II, The South, will cover the South Atlantic, East South Central, and West South Central Divisions; embracing a total of 16 states and the District of Columbia;

and Part III, The West, will cover the Mountain and Pacific Divisions, with a total of 11 states, together with the outlying possessions of Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, and the Panama Canal Zone. The United States summary will be included in each of these parts, thus providing a convenient means of comparing one state with another, and also supplying the state figures for the minor topics which were not presented in the individual state bulletins.

The table forms have been prepared for Volume V; the general report and analysis, and the work of making up these tables, including the computing of the required percentages and averages, is well advanced. It is now planned to send all the copy for the final report to the printing office before March 15, 1922.

The series of state bulletins on irrigation, covering 19 states, is complete, the summary for the United States has been issued, and the final report on irrigation is in the hands of the printer.

The series of state bulletins on drainage covers 29 states. All these bulletins are printed or in press, and the final report on drainage is in course of preparation. It should be ready for printing by March 1.

The following summary shows briefly the condition of the agricultural work at the close of the year:

The machine tabulation has been completed.

All the state bulletins and the United States summary bulletins on agriculture, irrigation, and drainage have been completed.

Volume V of the Fourteenth Census Reports, the general report and analysis, is in process of preparation, and it is expected that the last of the copy will be sent to the printer before March 15, 1922.

For Volume VI the work is well advanced, and it is expected that the three parts of this volume—The North, The South, and The West—will be sent to the printer on or before January 15, 1922.

Volume VIII will comprise the final and complete reports on irrigation and drainage. The irrigation report is in the hands of the printer, and the drainage report is in process of preparation and will be sent to the printer about March 1, 1922.

#### THE MORTGAGE INQUIRY

In accordance with the Fourteenth Census Act the population schedule contained an inquiry as to whether the home of the person enumerated was owned or rented and, if owned, whether it was free or mortgaged. When the schedules reached the Bureau from the field they were reviewed and letters of inquiry sent out to the owners of all homes, except farm homes, reported as mortgaged, asking for the value of the home, the amount of the mortgage or encumbrance on the census date, the rate of interest, and the original amount of the mortgage.

To December 31, 1920, 2,111,117 letters of inquiry were sent out and 631,150 replies received. Up to the close of November 30, 1921, 5,119,204 letters were sent out, including a number of second and third requests in cases of failure to reply to previous requests, and 3,430,162 replies were received. These are substantially all the replies that will be received, as there are now only a few scattering reports reaching the Bureau.

The tabulation of the reports was begun in April, 1921. The issuance of press announcements for cities having 100,000 inhabitants or more was commenced in May and completed in December. The tabulation for the several states is now in progress, and the issuance of state press announcements was begun in December.

The preparation of the special report on the subject has been begun, and it is the

intention to have the copy in the hands of the printer before the close of the decennial census period.

#### MANUFACTURES, MINES, AND QUARRIES, AND FORESTRY AND FORESTRY PRODUCTS

The field work for the censuses of manufactures, mines and quarries, and forestry and forest products was completed in 1920. At the end of the year the checking, examination, classification, and editing of the reports were under way and the punching of the cards had been commenced.

The principal items of the program of work for the first half of 1921 comprised the checking of schedules to lists of establishments, the card punching, the commencement of the general tabulations, and the tabulations of detailed statistics of materials and products.

The checking of the schedules to lists of establishments was completed in March. The card punching was completed in July.

The preparation of the industry, state, and city summaries was completed in September. The preparation of the final-result tables for cities has been finished, but those for industries and for states have not yet been brought to completion.

Following the tabulation, summaries were prepared for states by industries, county totals for all industries were computed, and summaries were prepared for cities having 50,000 inhabitants or more by industries and for cities having between 10,000 and 50,000 inhabitants for all industries combined.

Up to December 8 the manuscript for the final bulletins for 30 states and the District of Columbia, for 13 bulletins covering mining and quarrying operations in 44 states, and for 3 bulletins for forest-products industries had been sent to the printer; and the bulletins for 15 states and the District of Columbia had been printed and distributed. The preparation of the remaining bulletins is well under way, and all will be in the hands of the printer early in 1922. The series of industry bulletins will cover about fifty of the most important industries.

The condition of the work on the manufactures, mines and quarries, and forestry and forest products inquiries at the close of the year is shown by the following summary:

The machine tabulation has been brought very nearly to completion.

The preparation and issuance of industry, state, and city summaries have been completed.

The preparation of the tables for industries and states is well toward completion.

For Volume VIII little work has yet been done, but it is the intention to have the last of the copy for this volume in the hands of the printer by June 30, 1922.

Volume IX will probably be published about April 30. Most of the state bulletins (which will constitute sections of this volume) have already been sent to the printer, and the remainder will be transmitted early in 1922.

For Volume X the work is progressing satisfactorily, although thus far only a few of the industry bulletins (which will constitute sections of this volume) have actually been printed. It is not anticipated that there will be any difficulty in completing the series some time prior to June 30, 1922.

For Volume XI the work is well under way, and it is expected that the last of the copy will go to the printer before June 30, 1922.